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REEDY RIVER BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 12 *Project designed to address erosion along river bank behind Peace Center*

GREENVILLE (SC) On Monday, October 12, the City will begin work to stabilize approximately 500 feet of river bank behind the Peace Center. The purpose of the project is to preserve and enhance the Reedy River by minimizing erosion and undercutting of the river bank. Weather permitting, the work is expected to be completed within two weeks.

As a part of the stabilization project, crews will place rocks along the bank to prevent erosion, and in order to place the rocks, the water level must be lowered enough to allow a track hoe access into the river. As a result, the sluice gate at the dam will be opened after a metal containment structure, constructed by Public Works crews for this purpose, is lowered into place to hold back sediment. Floating turbidity barriers will also be used to contain sediment around the work zone and to prevent it from flowing down river. The water level will be returned to normal depth during the weekends to minimize impacts to the downtown area.

The City has obtained written approval from the Army Corps of Engineers and City staff has met with representatives from DHEC, Upstate Forever and Friends of the Reedy River to discuss the project, to address any environmental concerns and to ensure that the proper measures are taken to minimize disturbance to the river.

For more information about the project, contact Matthew Maxey, Project Engineer, at 467-8892 or Michael Murphy, Director of Public Works, at 467-8000.

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